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A CASE OF DOUBLE PRIMARY HOMONYMY IN EASTERN PACIFIC LITTORINIDAE

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ABSTRACT

Littorina keenae, new name for Litorina planaxis Philippi. 1847, non Littorina planaxis Sowerby, 1844; and for Littorina patula Gould, 1849, non Littorina patula Thorpe, 1844.

In the course of a systematic study of West African Littorinidae a case of double primary homonymy was discovered which unavoidably necessitates that a replacement name be provided for the well-known eastern Pacific species, *Littorina planaxis* Philippi, 1847.

The facts are these:

A. 1.) The combination *Littorina planaxis* 'Nuttall' Jay, 1839, p. 73, published in association with the locality, "Upper California", is a *nomen*

nudum and is not available as a contender for priority.

- 2.) Littorina planaxis Sowerby, 1844, p. 153, was validly introduced for a Tertiary fossil species from St. Jago, Cape Verde Islands (see Sherborn, 1929, p. 5007).
- 3.) Litorina planaxis Philippi, 1847, p. 201, from "California Superior," was validly introduced for the Recent eastern Pacific species which has been reported to occur from Oregon to Baja California (Yamada, 1977).

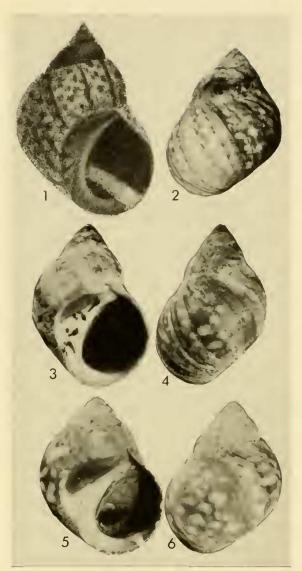


FIG. 1. Litorina planaxis Philippi, 1847 (original figure of Holotype). 2. Litorina planaxis Philippi (Holotype, BM(NH) 1912412, 30-4; 17.4 mm length). 3-4. Littorina patula Gould (Holotype, USNM 5336; 17.8 mm length). 5-6. Littorina keenae Rosewater (USNM 47109; Monterey, California; 17.4 mm length).

B. 1.) Littorina patula 'Jeffreys' Thorpe, 1844, p. 259, was validly introduced for a species collected at "Eddystone Rock" [SW of Plymouth, England]. This name has been used most recently for an element of the Littorina saxatilis Olivi species complex in Wales (Heller, 1975).

2.) Littorina patula Gould, 1849, p. 83, was introduced for a species from "San Fran-

cisco". It is an obvious synonym of *L. planaxis* Philippi.

As can be seen from the foregoing, Litorina planaxis Philippi, 1847, is a junior primary homonym of L. planaxis Sowerby, 1844. As such it must be rejected permanently (I.C.Z.N. Article 57 and 59a). Ordinarily, it would be replaced by its next available synonym, Littorina patula Gould, 1849, except for the fact that the latter is itself a junior primary homonym of L. patula Thorpe, 1844! Since, to my knowledge, there are no further existing available names for the taxon, L. planaxis Philippi, 1847, a new name is needed. I propose Littorina keenae as a replacement name for the eastern Pacific species formerly known as L. planaxis Philippi. It is named for Dr. A. Myra Keen, Department of Geology, Stanford University, who has contributed so much to malacology.

It is strange that a case of homonymy involving a common intertidal species has not been corrected previously. This may be due to the fact that Sowerby (1844) appears to be an uncommon, if not rare publication. It is missing from the library of the British Museum (Natural History) (see notation under "Sowerby, G. B. I, 1844" below in Literature Cited"). The work was reissued later in combination with two other publications of Darwin (see Darwin, 1851) which seem to be more readily available. The name L. planaxis was, without doubt, published by Sowerby in 1844, making it the senior primary homonym. Unfortunately, according to R. J. Cleevely, Department of Palaeontology, British Museum (N.H.), the type-specimen of Sowerby's species probably must be regarded as lost (personal communication), and the identity of the species is in doubt, but that in no way affects its status in homonymy.

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OBSERVATIONS ON ANODONTA GRANDIS (UNIONIDAE) IN GREEN RIVER LAKE, KENTUCKY

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ABSTRACT

A non-reproducing colony of Anodonta grandis Say was discovered in Green River Lake, a man-made impoundment in Taylor, Adair and Casey Counties, Kentucky. The clams inhabited a 5-meter-wide zone, within the epilimnion, at a depth of 7 to 8 meters, along the entire front face of the dam. The authors have previously found no living unionids in this lake. All of the living specimens were in good condition and were aged at 6 to 7 years. A single introduction by host fish, at the time of inundation, is judged to be the explanation for the presence of this grouping of mussels. Although 77 species of unionid mollusks have been reported from Green River proper, this was the only species found in the lake and it is apparently restricted to a single site.

Dramatic alteration of a segment of a riverine ecosystem by its conversion to a lacustrine habitat is detrimental to many species of unionid mollusks (Harman 1974, Isom 1971). Sedimentation, deep water, poor water circulation and lack of suitable substrate are some of the reasons why

these typically lotic organisms do not find conditions favorable in man-made impoundments. The Tennessee River and its tributaries at one time supported at least 64 species of freshwater mussels (Ortmann 1918). Recently Isom (1971), found only four species in Fort Loudon Reservoir on the Tennessee River. Siltation and anoxic conditions during most of the year were considered the major deterrents to further establishment of

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